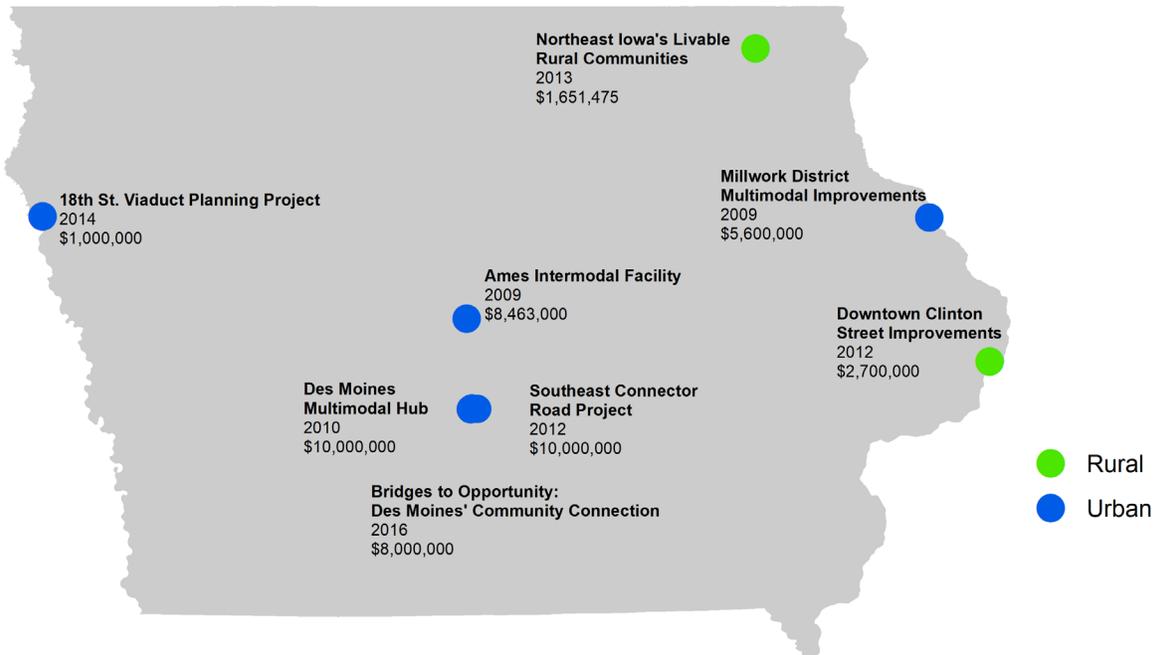


**U.S. HOUSE APPROVES REDUCTIONS TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

The federal Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development has approved and advanced a [Bill](#) that decreases U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) funding by \$646.0 million (3.7%). The Bill would eliminate the [Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery \(TIGER\) Grant Program](#).

The TIGER Grant Program is a competitive program the USDOT oversees that awards grants to support innovative road, rail, transit, and port projects. Since its inception in 2009, there have been eight rounds of funding. At least 20.0% of all funds must go to rural projects. In the most recent round of funding, the USDOT awarded \$500.0 million for 39 projects nationwide, including \$8.0 million to the city of Des Moines. Since 2009, Iowa has received a total of \$47.4 million for eight projects. For more information, see the following map:

**Iowa TIGER Grant Program Awards – 2009-2016**



The USDOT spending Bill would also apportion \$44.973 billion from the Highway Trust Fund for the Federal-Aid Highway Program, and appropriates \$100.0 million in new funding for autonomous vehicle research. In 2017, the USDOT named the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids corridor and the University of Iowa as one of the 10 designated automated proving grounds sites in the nation.

The Bill now moves to the full House for consideration.

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